

**Administration on Aging  
And  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organizational Name:** Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

**Project Title:** Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center

**Total Project Period:** 9/30/2005 – 9/30/2008

**Total Award Amount:** \$799,998

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**Project's Overall Design:** The Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center will be strategically placed in three pilot areas that will provide consumers with information, referral and counseling, case management, and Medicaid eligibility determination for public and private pay individuals with long-term care needs. Products from these pilots will include intake and assessment tools, outreach, training and resource materials, reports, surveys and project evaluations. Streamlining efforts will include shared intakes, assessment and referral protocols with other agencies, and coordinated efforts with State Health Information and Assistance Programs and the state Medicaid agency.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical disability, mental retardation and developmental disability

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Individuals who are older and individuals with a disability, including cognitive disabilities, in the targeted communities have an identifiable single point of entry to long-term care supports
- Increase in the percentage of individuals served through the Aging and Disability Resource Centers who report an improvement in their ability to access long-term care supports

**Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:**

Advisory Committee: Individuals who are older and have disabilities; their family members and caregivers; consumer-based organizations; Department of State Health Services; Department of Family and Protective Services; Texas Department of Insurance; Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Advocacy Groups: Texas Silver Haired Legislature; the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition; the Mental Health and Aging Coalition; AARP; the Children's Policy Council; the Texas Promoting Independence

Advisory Board; Independent Living Centers; ARC of Texas; National Alliance for Mental Illness; Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; ADAPT; the Texas Kinicare Task Force; and the Disability Policy Consortium and Advocacy, Inc.

Partners: state and local Medicaid agencies; benefits insurance centers; Department of Aging and Disability Services' regional offices; Area Agencies on Aging; Independent Living Centers; city and county Governments; faith-based organizations; home and community-based service providers; regional workforce commissions; local housing authorities; agriculture extension offices; State Health Information and Assistance Program; Texas Department of Insurance Texas Legal Services Center; TrailBlazers Health Enterprises, LLC; Texas Medical foundation; and the U.S. Department of Labor and Social Security Administration